

§ 17. The general assembly shall, by law, prescribe the time when the several officers authorized or directed by this constitution to be elected or appointed, shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices, except where the time is fixed by this constitution.

§ 18. No member of congress, nor person holding or exercising any office of trust or profit under the United States, or either of them, or under any foreign power, shall be eligible as a member of the general assembly of this commonwealth, or hold or exercise any office of trust or profit under the same.

§ 19. The general assembly shall direct by law, how persons who now are, or who may hereafter become securities for public officers, may be relieved or discharged on account of such securityship.

§ 20. Any person who shall, after the adoption of this constitution, either directly or indirectly, give, accept, or knowingly carry a challenge to any person or persons, to fight in single combat, with a citizen of this state, with any deadly weapon, either in or out of the state, shall be deprived of the right to hold any office of honour or profit in this commonwealth, and shall be punished otherwise in such manner as the general assembly may prescribe by law.

§ 21. The governor shall have power, after five years from the time of the offence, to pardon all persons who shall have in anywise participated in a duel, either as principals, seconds, or otherwise, and to restore him or them to all the rights, privileges, and immunities to which he or they were entitled before such participation. And upon the presentation of such pardon, the oath prescribed in the first section of this article shall be varied to suit the case.

§ 22. At its first session after the adoption of this constitution the general assembly shall appoint not more than three persons, learned in the law, whose duty it shall be to revise and arrange the statute laws of this commonwealth, both civil and criminal, so as to have but one law on any one subject; and also, three other persons, learned in the law, whose duty it shall be to prepare a code of practice for the courts, both civil and criminal, in this commonwealth, by abridging and simplifying the rules of practice and laws in relation thereto; all of whom shall, at as early a day as practicable, report the result of their labours to the general assembly, for their adoption or modification.

§ 23. So long as the board of internal improvement shall be continued, the president thereof shall be elected by the qualified voters of this commonwealth, and hold the office for the term of four years, and until another be duly elected and qualified. The election shall be held at the same time, and be conducted in the same manner, as the election of governor of this commonwealth under this constitution; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the general assembly from abolishing said board of internal improvement, or the office of president thereof.

§ 24. The general assembly shall provide, by law, for the trial of any contested election of auditor, register, treasurer, attorney-general, judges of circuit courts, and all other officers not otherwise herein specified.

§ 25. The general assembly shall provide by law for the making of the returns by the proper officers, of the election of all officers